

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An A system for forming a composite image in an~~
image forming device, comprising:

an imaging source ~~device that provides input image data of a document;~~scans
an input document to obtain input image data;

a digital graphic element forming unit that processes user-supplied digital
graphic element data; ~~and~~

a composite image forming device ~~coupled to the imaging source device and~~
~~the digital graphic element forming unit, the composite image forming device forming that~~
forms a composite image based on the obtained input image data and the user-supplied digital
graphic element data; data, and

an output unit that prints the composite image on an image receiving substrate.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~system device~~ of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ the digital
graphic element forming unit being configured to read ~~allows a user to supply as user-~~
supplied digital graphic element data including at least one of a standard or individually user-
customized digital graphic element ~~wherein the data is stored on from~~ at least one digital data
storage ~~medium.~~ medium and to store the read user-supplied digital graphic element data in
the digital graphic element forming unit of the image forming device.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~system device~~ of claim 2, ~~wherein~~ the digital
graphic element forming unit further ~~comprises:~~ comprising:

a digital graphic element input interface that is usable to input image
data associated with the at least one of the standard or individually user-customized digital
graphic element from the at least one digital data storage medium;

a digital graphic element selecting device that allows the user to select in the image forming device the at least one of the standard or individually user-customized digital graphic element ~~from the at least one digital data storage medium;~~ stored in the digital graphic element forming unit in the image forming device;

a digital graphic element attribute adjusting device in the image forming device that allows the user to adjust attributes of the selected digital graphic element; and

a digital graphic element positioning device that allows the user to position the selected digital graphic element in ~~an output~~ the composite image.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~system device~~ of claim 3, further comprising a user interface in the image forming device configured to allow ~~wherein the user can to~~ select the at least one of the standard or individually user-customized digital graphic element from among a plurality of standard or individually user-customized digital graphic elements stored ~~on the at least one digital data storage medium;~~ in the digital graphic element forming unit in the image forming device.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~system device~~ of claim 3, further comprising a user interface in the image forming device configured to allow ~~wherein the user can to~~ adjust one or more attributes of the at least one digital graphic element.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~system device~~ of claim 5, wherein the one or more attributes include at least one of color, contrast, clarity, and intensity of the at least one digital graphic ~~element;~~ element with respect to one or more like attributes of the obtained input image.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~system device~~ of claim 3, further comprising a separate digital graphic element user interface ~~that provides by which~~ the user ~~separate~~

~~discrete capability for controlling controls~~ the digital graphic element forming unit apart from an input interface by which the user controls the image forming device.

9-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the image forming device is a ~~A photocopying device including the system of claim 1.~~ device.

16-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the image forming device is a xerographic ~~An image reproducing device including the system of claim 1.~~ forming device.

20. A method for forming a composite image in an image forming device, comprising:

scanning an input document to obtain ~~obtaining an input image;~~ image in the image forming device;

retrieving ~~obtaining~~ at least one user-supplied digital graphic element; ~~element stored in the image forming device;~~ and

forming a composite image on an image substrate output by the image forming device by combining the obtained input image and the retrieved at least one user-supplied digital graphic element.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising supplying the ~~wherein obtaining~~ at least one user-supplied digital graphic element comprises providing a to be stored in the image forming device to read by reading digital graphic element data from a user-supplied digital data storage medium.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein ~~obtaining~~ retrieving the at least one user-supplied digital graphic element further comprises selecting, by a user,

user via a user interface in the image forming device, the at least one user-supplied digital graphic element from among a plurality of user-supplied digital graphic elements stored on the user-supplied digital data storage medium, in the image forming device.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising adjusting, by a ~~user,~~ user via a user interface in the image forming device, one or more attributes of the ~~obtained-retrieved~~ digital graphic element prior to forming the composite image.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the one or more attributes adjusted by a ~~the~~ user include at least one of color, contrast, clarity, or intensity of the at least one ~~obtained-retrieved~~ digital graphic ~~element.~~ element with respect to one or more like attributes of the obtained input image.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising determining, by a ~~user,~~ user via a user interface in the image forming device, a position of the ~~obtained-retrieved~~ digital graphic element in the ~~to-be-formed~~ composite image prior to forming the composite image.

27-28. (Canceled)